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TO AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE LOCAL EMPLOYEE DIVERSION OF USG PROPERTY

REF: YAOUNDE 3556

1. LEGAL ADVISES THAT AMERICAN EMPLOYEES MAY SUBMIT SIGNED STATEMENTS TO LOCAL POLICE REGARDING MATTER BEING INVESTIGATED. SUBSEQUENT COURT APPEARANCES UNDER LIMITED WAIVER OF IMMUNITY IS ALSO IN ORDER AS LONG AS THERE IS CLEAR UNDERSTANDING WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES THAT APPEARANCE AND TESTIMONY OF EMBASSY AMERICAN EMPLOYEES BE LIMITED TO CIRCUMSTANCES OF ALLEGED CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES.

2. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR AUDITOR SHERMAN MINER, INSPECTOR GENERAL'S STAFF, TO ARRIVE KINSHASA SEPT. 30. HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS CASE WITH RSO ON OCTOBER 1, PRIOR TO RSO TRAVEL TO YAOUNDE. MINER EXPECTS TO ARRIVE YAOUNDE NOV 3 FOR INSPECTION, AND WILL SERVE AS THE "PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY SPECIALIST" REQUESTED IN PRIOR TELEGRAMS.

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3. MINER ADVISES THAT IF RSO DESIRES HIS PRESENCE IN
YAOUNDE PRIOR TO NOV 3, HE WOULD TRAVEL TO POST, ALTHOUGH
HE COULD NOT REMAIN FOR EXTENDED PERIOD. HE WOULD, HOWEVER,

RETURN IN NOVEMBER FOR MORE DETAILED INSPECTION AND
ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY
RECORDS SYSTEM.

4. FOR RSO KINSHASA: PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF YOU ARE
NOT GOING TO BE IN KINSHASA OCT 1. ROBINSON

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